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"JULY MADNESS"?

It must be well over twenty years now since Dr. Jacques Vallée, en route back to the U.S.A. from a trip to Moscow, dropped in on us in London and told us that, at that date, the Soviet Air Force already had "half as many UFO reports again" on file as the U.S. Air Force (somewhere about 15,000 compared with 10,000 — such were the figures quoted). Evidently then the Russians, like everybody else, were already taking the UFOs seriously enough, and had their secret back-room boys hard at work on the problem.

It does, however, seem likely that the Russians were genuinely a great deal later than the Americans in coming to the secret conclusion that UFOs were real, and so it is not surprising that, in the first decade after Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting in the summer of 1947 we heard some of our favourite explanations in the Soviet press, namely that the UFO reports were caused by decadent capitalistic warmongering hysteria and the need to justify vast expenditure on armaments or (our favourite version) that UFO reports *"were put out by the American Government to keep the minds of the American people off the bread-line".*

As early as November 1967 however, as indicated in a series of three articles on Dr. Felix Zigel' and the Development of Ufology in Russia (FSR, Vol. 27, Nos. 3, 4 and 5) this prominent Russian scientist Dr. Zigel' (Professor of Cosmology at the Moscow Institute of Aviation and one of their trainers of the cosmonauts) was permitted to appear, with Red Air Force Major-General Porfiriy Stolyarov, on the Soviet Television Network and tell the Russian public that the UFOs were real and a subject of great scientific interest, *and even to furnish an address in Moscow to which he asked the public to report their sightings.* There followed such a deluge of reports that somebody in the highest echelons of Soviet officialdom took fright. The result was that, in March 1968, the Soviet press, which only a few days before had been wallowing in UFO reports, and discussing them objectively, was directed to revert to the previous standpoint. A powerful campaign of carefully sponsored ridicule was unleashed by the august USSR Academy of Sciences, who now ruled once more that the UFO reports were all "unscientific balderdash", "figments of the imagination", "mass-hysteria" and, of course, as before, "products of anti-Soviet degenerate capitalistic war-

mongering". The Oracle had spoken, and that was that. The matter had been closed — and permanently.

However, as we reported in the series of three articles, two journalists, Russian-born and Russian-speaking Henry Gris (now an American citizen) and his British colleague William Dick, produced a very important book in 1978 *(The New Soviet Psychic Discoveries)* in which, *inter alia,* they revealed that they had managed to interview Dr. Zigel' — not at all an easy thing to do as the Soviet authorities had kept him carefully segregated from foreign journalists ever since his television statements about UFOs in 1967.

Henry Gris says that Dr. Zigel' told him (we think in 1975 or thereabouts) that there are many species of UFO entities, falling into three general categories which he termed (1) *"Spacemen"* (tall entities, 3m. or so high); (2) *"Humanoids",* of average near-human statures; and (3) *"Aliens",* grotesque, large-headed creatures around one metre in height. He added, ominously, that some of Category 2 were sufficiently like us to be able to circulate here undetected.

From all of which is it not obvious that the Soviets have been watching the UFO situation closely for a long time?

So it struck us as pretty comical when we read in most of our British papers on May 30 of this year that the Soviets had suddenly woken up to the existence of UFOs. Wrote Richard Owen, Moscow correspondent of *The Times:*

> "The Kremlin, once sceptical about the existence of flying saucers, has finally succumbed to the unshakable Russian belief in close encounters of the third kind. The newspaper *Trud (Labour)* yesterday reported that a special commission for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) has been set up under Pavel Popovich, the former cosmonaut."

This blinding piece of news was followed up by a report from Nigel Wade in Moscow to his paper, the London *Daily Telegraph* (July 13, 1984) that

> *"Russians have been given an address to which they may send reports of unidentified flying objects."*

We confess that on perusing this startling Moscow report we were overcome by an unusually powerful sensation of *déjà vu,* but, rapidly recovering our accustomed aplomb, it occurred to us that, we are now already well into July, which in Fleet Street and newsgathering circles is known as the *"silly season"* or the time for *"July madness",* when the journalistic fraternity, traditionally at a loose end for copy after Parliament has broken up for the holidays, frantically resurrect the Loch Ness Monster or any other appropriate subjects of hilarity. (Traditionally the "silly season" has perhaps not quite started yet, as Parliament is still in session, and abundant copy is still available in all the good work at present being done — or perhaps not being done — by Mr. Scargill and his miners and the dockers). However, we find, and most appropriately on Friday, July 13, the same date as the blinding news from Moscow, the following choice item in the London *Daily Mail* from their man in America:-

> "That traditional summer diversion, aquatic monster frenzy, has surfaced in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Two more sober people — the last two were cops — report seeing something at least 17 ft. long cruising the 1,500 ft. lake. It seems benevolent. 'It wasn't threatening. It was just gliding right by us. I believe I went into a state of shock.' However, water-skiers have been told to stay alert. One lake authority says: 'There's enough water in the lake to fill the ten largest reservoirs in the United States. There's a distinct possibility it could be some fish we've never even discovered.'"

This sagacious American lake authority, whoever he is, God bless him, has taken the words right out of our mouths, for that's exactly how *we* feel about the UFOs.

There's enough gas and hot air out there in our Cosmos to just about fill the ten largest newspapers in Britain and the U.S.A. (And if any slightly more solid ingredient is needed, it can be supplied, we feel sure, by any average male of the cow species.)

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MORE ABOUT THE ADVENTURES OF A VERY PECULIAR LIGHTHOUSE

Jenny Randles

As the Editor of FSR pointed out in his introductory remarks (Editorial, FSR Vol. 29, No. 2) the whole world now knows about the UFO encounter in Rendlesham Forest/Tangham Woods, first reported in these pages by myself in 1981.[1] A very great deal has happened in this affair since I last summarized matters for FSR, and whilst I cannot possibly give a comprehensive up-to-date account, for many reasons, I do feel that we owe readers some indication as to what has led to this case suddenly acquiring such importance.

I will add that the evidence is now so overwhelming and so significant that nothing less than a book can do justice to it. This book (provisional title: *The Rendlesham Forest Mystery*) is being concluded as I write this account. The authors of the book are Brenda Butler and Dot Street, the two ladies who have battled with this case since it first came to light in the early days of 1981. British publishers Neville Spearman have taken the initiative in offering to publish it, and their edition is scheduled for release in the summer of 1984, with overseas editions no doubt to follow, so important is the story going to be.

How the Story emerged

As readers know from my earlier two reports, the case originally consisted simply of a series of rumours which trickled out independently. As they gradually coalesced, the other investigators and I (as BUFORA Director of Investigations) were convinced that *something* lay behind it all. One rumour that reached me told of an alleged radar-tracking of an unknown object, and the subsequent confiscation of the tapes by the U.S. authorities from a *British* radar establishment. The other stories came from Security Officers at the Base (U.S.A.F. Bentwaters/Woodbridge, some fifty miles south of the establishment that had tracked the target).[2] These other stories concerned a landed UFO and supposed direct communication between the Base Commander and alien entities suspended in beams of light beneath their craft.

These tales reached us *within days* (in one case in under a week) of the events which had allegedly taken place. Yet subsequent stories filtering around in the rural Suffolk community referred to an *'air crash'* of unspecified nature, which effectively stopped the villagers from taking too much further notice. This was, after all, an area which normally swarms with military activity. Two U.S.A.F. Bases (leased of course from the R.A.F.); constant air exercises; and a top-secret radar establishment on the fringes of the woods . . . a rather interesting little side-light to the whole matter.

When I wrote my first account for FSR, Brenda and Dot had collated a number of stories from airmen, villagers, and farmers, which offered nothing probative, but at the very least they indicated that something big must have happened. The radar establishment had of course officially denied any knowledge of the affair, and the Ministry of Defence were giving me the runaround (again no surprise). But I think all of us were shocked by subsequent events and revelations. For we did not realize — indeed, even now are only beginning to realize — just how potentially significant was this little case upon which we had stumbled.

I have never ceased to be amazed by the phenomenal amount of work put in on this investigation by Brenda Butler and Dot Street. Over three years (and they are still at it, flat out!) they have spent week after week visiting the remote area, finding witnesses, wringing the truth out of them, wheedling their way into the Base, and so on.

What they have discovered, in these many thousands of woman-hours of work, must be left for them to discuss in their book. All I can say is that it was very worthwhile, and may go a long way towards smashing the cover-up. This is a big claim to make, I know, but I feel that the investigation — as this book will show — fully justifies it. This is certainly unquestionably the most important case in which I have ever taken part. And the effect on the lives of all of us has been deep — both on personal levels and in terms of our views on Ufology.[3]

For my own part, apart from keeping a finger on the pulse of the highly complex follow-up investigation, I have concentrated on hammering away at Officialdom. This finally reaped its reward on April 13, 1983, when the Ministry of Defence wrote to me and admitted — in perhaps the most significant letter that they have ever sent to a Ufologist — the following:—

(a) The case did occur. Brief details. The date (December 27, 1980) being given.
(b) U.S.A.F. personnel were witnesses.
(c) It was *not* an air crash (as the villagers had been told at the time).
(d) It was *not* the testing of a secret device of any kind (as we had ourselves speculated, as the only obvious alternative to the UFO theory).
(e) The M.O.D. had no explanation for the incident.

All that in one letter — and very surprising too — after the years of frustration in which my letters had just been ignored or, when not ignored, replied to with answers to questions other than those I had actually asked.

Developments in America

At the same time as this break-through was taking place here in Britain, Larry Fawcett (a U.S. Police-Lieutenant and a researcher with C.A.U.S.)[4] and Barry Greenwood (a regular U.S. contributor to FSR) had been working on parallel lines to us and had made progress on this same case. And when we put our data together over the weeks following, it was clear that official channels had now admitted the reality of an event that Brenda and Dot had been trying to prove for more than two years.

Fawcett and Greenwood, in the U.S.A, had been approached by "Art Wallace" (pseudonym), a U.S. service man who claimed that he had been stationed in Britain, and at the Base in question, during December 1980. He proceeded to tell Fawcett and Greenwood about an incident in which, allegedly, he had been sent out into the forest to confront a UFO on the ground, and added various other details which basically confirmed what we in Britain had learned from our own witnesses. But "Art Wallace's" story went a great deal further than anything we had yet heard, for he spoke of having been rendered unconscious and having then awakened in an underground room where a secret liaison between the U.S.A.F. and the aliens was explained. *This was taking place underneath the Base.*

The December 1980 encounter in Rendlesham Forest was, so it seemed, *not* the first to have happened. (FSR readers will recall that we had been advised to that effect by British sources.) The full nature of the alien/U.S.A.F. relationship, as it has subsequently become known to us through a number of channels (including the hypnotic regression of "Art Wallace") is — to say the least — incredible and — if true — of the utmost importance.

"Art Wallace" is of course a pseudonym; although his real name is known to those of us who are involved in the case.[5] He claims to fear that his life is endangered, and threats have also been proffered to investigators involved with the case.

Barry Greenwood recalled the articles in FSR on the Rendlesham case, and connected this story that he and his colleagues had been told by "Art Wallace" with my published accounts. ("Art Wallace", however, seemingly did not know that the affair had already leaked out in Britain via other channels.)

Documents Released under Freedom of Information Act

Meanwhile, using the whole of the data now at their disposal, C.A.U.S. initiated an action for the release of all documents relating to the Rendlesham Forest case under the terms of the *Freedom of Information Act.* And in due course they received, firstly a letter from the U.S. Air Force admitting that the events at Rendlesham *had* happened (similar in terms to the letter that I had received from the British M.O.D. but less specific), and finally, to everyone's great surprise, they received the text of a Memorandum, dated January 13, 1981, written by Lt. Col. Charles Halt, then U.S. Air Force Deputy Base Commander at R.A.F. Base Woodbridge. This Memo had been sent (on instructions of the British Base Commander as 'landlord') to our own M.O.D. in London . . . *and was a document that the M.O.D. had not merely failed to admit to having in their possession, but (according to Dot Street) which they had quite categorically DENIED having in their possession.*

Quite how or why the Memo was thus released is not known. Lt.-Col. Halt (who is still in Britain) insists that he was promised by the M.O.D. that the Memo would be kept secret. And, in the covering letter released with it, the U.S. Government thanks our Ministry of Defence, whereas when Brenda, Dot and I actually went to the M.O.D. with the document, and demanded an audience, we were told unequivocably that the M.O.D. had no idea how a copy had got to the U.S.A., and they had not been responsible for its release!

This 'pass the buck' attitude has been much in evidence throughout the case. For instance, the M.O.D. told us that they had not investigated the case, because the witnesses involved in it were U.S.A.F. officers. And the U.S.A.F. told us that they had not investigated it because it had taken place on British soil (outside the perimeter fence of the U.S. Base.)

Lt.-Col. Halt's Memo is deeply significant, not least because his involvement in this affair had been known to none of us — despite all our efforts — prior to the sudden release of the Memo in June 1983.

The Memo refers to *two* UFO incidents:—

(1) In the early hours of December 27, 1980 (when the alleged landing took place, as witnessed by three Security Officers). This is the case to which most of the data in my two earlier articles relates.

(2) *A sighting made by Lt.-Col. Halt himself and by many other witnesses on the Base.* This occurred on December 30, 1980 (again in the early

hours) and involved a small UFO which was observed moving in and out among the trees. This previously unsuspected incident is supported by some quite amazing evidence which I am unfortunately not at present at liberty to discuss.[6]

Furthermore, Lt.-Col. Halt referred in his Memo to the physical evidence which resulted from the first sighting: including a triangular set of inprints and radiation traces. We had been told about these by our own sources as well as about other evidence that is not discussed in Lt.-Col. Halt's Memo. (Indeed, the Halt Memo is extremely interesting because of the many things that it *fails* to include, such as the damage to the base of the trees. Halt admits that there is a gread deal that he left out of his Memo.) All of which is rather interesting, because the Memo is dated two weeks after the events. Yet we know that the British M.O.D. knew of the case before their receipt of what (officially) is the *only* document that they possess on it. The radar tapes could only have been taken away with M.O.D. knowledge of why they were being taken. And they had been removed from the radar establishment *before* Halt's Memo was sent.

Officially, the Rendlesham Forest case remains "unexplained", despite the great attention paid to it recently in the media and all the consequent need to "explain" it away. Indeed, it is evident from what has been published that this case is already a strong one, and what has been collected by the investigators from many sources (including other high-ranking officers as well as Lt.-Col. Halt himself)[7] makes it much, much stronger. We now know, for example, that the two sightings about which we have been told are but "the tip of the iceberg". Something quite amazing was going on, again and again, around the turn of the year 1980-1981.

The Story Reaches *The News of The World*

The *News of the World* story about Rendlesham (October 2-9-16-23 of 1983) appeared after whispers of the case had seeped out at the BUFORA International Congress in August 1983. Our investigators, having no other option, decided thereupon to throw in their lot with the newspaper, who in turn promised a proper investigation and treatment of the story. *News of the World* reporter Keith Beabey spent two weeks in the Rendlesham area examining all the evidence with Brenda and Dot, and maintains extensive contact with all of us.

To their credit be it said that the *News of the World* did a marvellous job of presenting the raw essence of the case, and the repercussions (leading to questions in the House of Commons by Sir Patrick Wall, a Conservative M.P. whom we must thank especially for his help and his support, and who has been a close ally of FSR for the past twenty-five years) have been most favourable. The pressure is now on the British Government, not to mention the American Government (who, in addition, have the *Freedom of Information Act* to cope with). If ever there was a chance to get to the truth, then surely it may be now.

The Useful "Lighthouse"

In the meantime, however, the famous "lighthouse" theory has been gaining support, thanks to the intervention of science writer Ian Ridpath. Following a TV feature in which he filmed the lighthouse (and edited out its five-second rotation to make it look a whole lot stranger than it is!) Mr Ridpath has continued to search for evidence to prove his case.

On December 10, 1983, I chaired a BUFORA debate in London at which Ridpath gave his version of the events and Brenda Butler, Dot Street and the lawyer Harry Harris gave theirs. Needless to say, none of them are persuaded that the Orford Ness Lighthouse (which has sat peacefully on the coast five miles from Rendlesham Forest for many a year) could suddenly have decided to take off on a little adventure and cavort around in the woods and bamboozle half the U.S. Air Force.

The Ridpath arguments must be challenged with facts. And this can be done. Essentially, he is claiming that in "event No. 1" the patrolman saw a meteor and then, happening to go into the woods, he saw the lighthouse beacon and mistook it for a UFO. "Event No. 2", in which Lt.-Col. Halt was directly involved, is, according to Ridpath, a combination of excitability after the first sighting and some stars seen twinkling through trees.

One of the cornerstones of the "opposition's" theory is the date of "Event No. 1", which Ian Ridpath claims was *not* December 27 at all. He says, instead, that it was the day before (which it would have to be, as this is the only date when a bright meteor was around) He is supported in this by a local Police note which claims that the Base alerted the Police at 4.11 a.m. on December 26. However, this note (found by the Police *after* the *News of the World* articles . . . they seemingly did *not* have it when in 1981 and 1982 they told Brenda and Dot that they had *not* been called) flatly contradicts the position of the M.O.D. and Lt.-Col. Halt's Memo (which he insists is based on immediate interviews with all the witnesses). Quite why the date of December 27 should be held to be wrong is not clear. And *ALL* previous witnesses had given either December 27 or December 30 as the date. December

26 had never been mentioned by anyone until this "coincidental" Police note was produced.

This is, of course, but one of the problems with the "meteor-plus-lighthouse" theory. There are many other difficulties too. For instance, Lt.-Col. Halt had been at the Woodbridge Base *for two years already,* prior to the sightings, and several others among the witnesses were not newcomers either by any possible stretch of the imagination. As I can attest, from visits to the gate of the Base and to the landing site, the lighthouse is one of the most obvious features of the terrain. It is immediately visible to everybody in the area. To suppose that anybody remotely familiar with Rendlesham Forest would find the lighthouse puzzling, or fail to recognize it as a lighthouse, is rather like Parisians phoning up to report that a tower-shaped UFO has landed in their midst!

To be sure there are many, many questions yet to be resolved about this case. But as the book will make clear, it is without doubt already one of the best researched and most significant close-encounter cases in the history of our subject.

"All Done By Rabbits"

Should readers perchance still be wondering how a lighthouse could manage to leave holes in the ground, and also leave radiation, I have a valuable submission for the forthcoming "*Album of UFO Explanations*". For the origin of these holes and this radioactivity, as befitting Ian Ridpath's theories, is simple:— *They were caused by rabbits. The intensely radioactive rabbits of Rendlesham Forest are, of course, one of the wonders of the natural world. Or, rather, they would be . . . if they existed.*

REFERENCES

1. Rendlesham Forest is the correct location. Tangham Woods (the name used by *The News of the World*) is a little-used local name for only a small part of the Forest. But, as the case involves *two* locations, one of which is not in this wood, the name Rendlesham Forest is preferred.
2. These same Air Force Bases were involved in the famous Lakenheath radar/visual encounter in 1956 (one of the cases that Condon admitted he was unable to crack). *Incidentally, I recently discovered from Philip Klass that the Orford Ness Lighthouse was used as part of the explanation for that one too! It must be some lighthouse!*
3. To put it briefly I can say here that this case has totally persuaded me that *"the Powers that be" know* a lot more than they are saying about UFOs. This conclusion is unavoidable when you confront the facts of this case.
4. C.A.U.S. (CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY), P.O. Box 4743, Arlington, Virginia 22204, U.S.A.
5. We have proved that "Art Wallace" was indeed at the Base at the time. Dot Street has interviewed him at length, and recently she and I spent a month in the U.S.A., where we worked on the case. Dot was able to meet him there personally. Whilst I have some reservations about *some* of his testimony, I would add that the brief version of an interview conducted with "Wallace" by Bob Smith of the B.B.C. and satellite-transmitted from New York for B.B.C. Breakfast TV on October 4, 1983, *was a misrepresentation of the truth.* Having obtained a copy of the full 15-minute interview, I find that "Art Wallace" comes across in it as a much more plausible witness than viewers of the B.B.C might conclude.
6. I am sorry about this, but certain investigators have been placed in a legal stranglehold, in terms of secrecy concerning this evidence, which prevents me from being more specific. But it is impressive evidence, and certainly strongly supports the case. It is hoped that more information can be offered in the book itself when it comes out.
7. Readers of FSR might be interested to know that Lt.-Col. Halt (who was U.S.A.F. *Acting* Base Commander at the time of the events in 1980) was — for a reason which I choose not to reveal here but which is highly intriguing — promoted to be *full Colonel* immediately after the story broke in the *News of the World.* His term of duty at the Base will, however, have been concluded by the time that the readers see this.

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He was here on a visit to Britain last year, when we had the great pleasure of meeting him, and he has given us his special authorization to reproduce the following two articles and the rest of the series as they appear in due course. Our thanks go also to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen and APRO. This instalment comes from APRO Bulletin Vol. 32, Nos. 1 and 2.

To avoid confusion, British and foreign readers should bear in mind that this article is not about NASA (America's Space Exploration body) but NSA, America's top-secret Intelligence agency — said to be even more powerful and more secret than the CIA. — EDITOR

When Peter Gersten and "Citizens Against UFO Secrecy" (CAUS) filed suit against the NSA in 1979 under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) few thought that anything could come of it. CAUS was seeking about 120 documents concerning reports of UFO sightings; but when the NSA representative, Mr. Eugene F. Yeates, appeared before Judge Gerhard Gessel in late 1980 he admitted that they had found 239 documents of the sort sought in their files. Some of them had originated with the CIA and other agencies. Yeates did not produce any of these documents so that the judge could read them, as is customary when there is a dispute about whether material is properly classified, but instead handed Gessel a 21 page memo classified above TOP SECRET at a level that was itself classified. He could read it in his chambers "in camera" without any witnesses and without making any copies. The plaintiffs plainly could not see it. The usual explanation for witholding NSA reports is that they may include classified information about how the NSA goes about finding information and what they have been able to learn from listening in on foreign radio and radar transmissions. Thus, as of 1980, very little had been extracted from the NSA.

However, within the past several months, a "sanitized" version of the memo has been released. It is mostly blacked out, but there are enough bits here and there to be most intriguing. For example, on the third line from the bottom of page two is the statement: "One document . . . was erroneously treated as a part of the subject matter of plaintiff's FOIA request. It is an account by a person assigned to NSA of his attendance at a UFO symposium and it cannot fairly be said to be a record of the kind sought by the plaintiff." We are left to wonder how many other documents concerning the activities of the NSA in sending operatives to UFO meetings and symposia were not included because they did not meet the specificity requirements of the FOIA. Why is the NSA so secretive about such reports? Apparently the reason is that they do not wish anyone to know of their UFO investigations. Contained in the memo is an explanation of why certain parts of selected reports that do not relate to intelligence gathering activities could not be released, even though they may have related principally to UFOs.

One document had been released to the plaintiffs, but with certain deletions that were explained: it was entitled *UFO Hypothesis and Survival Questions* with the name of the author and his "NSA component" deleted. What is his "NSA component"? A second document was partially released according to the memo with all of the title after *UFO* blanked out. There are deletions concerning Signal Intelligence (SIGINT) operations blanked out, which can be made plausible. Other deletions concern information about material that "concerns the organization and operational activities and functions of NSA" (one third line covered over) . . . a reasonable interpretation of the blacked out area are the following words, supplied by William E. Moore: "the organizational and operations activities and functions of NSA with respect to the UFO phenomena". The Smoking Gun! The reason for this blackout was explained: "this material is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. para 552(b)(3) which exempts from release under the FOIA matters specifically exempted from disclosure by another statute". . . (there follows a reference to public law 86-36

which provides that no law shall be construed to require disclosure of the organization or any function of the NSA or any information with respect to activities thereof). It would appear that if the President should ever wish something done that can be covered up as completely as is possible in this country, he need only bury it in the NSA. But even more interesting as a conjecture is that the President of the United States may be completely ignorant of the "NSA component" concerned with "the organization and operational activities and functions of the NSA with respect to the UFO phenomena". After all, in the view of the professionals, there are some secrets too deep to be shared with an officeholder whose tenure is at most eight years. At the NSA, whose primary function is technical intelligence gathering, there is no obvious reason to suspect a policy making or evaluation function that goes beyond the processing of intelligence information for policymakers further up in the chain of command. Thus the NSA "organization, and function, or any information with respect to the activities thereof" can be kept secret with considerable plausibility.

2. THE INS AND OUTS OF UFOs AND SECRECY SINCE 1940

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In the last issue I described how the Policy Chief from the National Security Agency (NSA) had released a censored version of a top secret affidavit he had submitted to federal Judge Gesell in support of the NSA claim that his agency did not have to release documents under a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) suit brought by Peter Gersten and Citizens Against UFO Secrecy. Within the sanitized version, in an explanation of why certain sections of a previously released document had been deleted, there occurs the statement "The matter in this paragraph concerns the organization and operational activities and functions of the NSA . . ." The dots represent a deletion of 15 characters on one line and 17 characters on the next line.

Bill Moore has supplied an interpretation of these deletions that fits the context, fits the style of the author, and of course fits exactly the spaces available. In his interpretation the deletions are "with respect to the UFO phenomena", so that the passage reads ". . . concerns the organization and operational activities and functions of NSA with respect to the UFO phenomena." It is this information that the NSA is apparently trying to hide from public view.

This instance of censoring matters concerning UFO activities is only the latest in a series of clues that can be used to reconstruct the course of U.S. government secrecy over the decades. The problem of uncovering this pattern is not unlike trying to discern the bottom contours of the Pacific Ocean from a few soundings and the appearance of a few islands that break the surface. We do know that the ocean is there, and that parts of it are very deep. In what follows the contributions of many tireless UFO investigators will be integrated into a picture that is as clear as can be presented at this time.

Photos of Bodies

One starting point is the recovery of a crashed UFO from the Sonoran desert of Mexico in late 1941. This recovery was accomplished by a team from Navy Intelligence, which was at the time the premier U.S. intelligence agency in terms of scientific background. One member of the team, unable any longer to contain the vast import of what had been discovered, brought home to share with his immediate family a sheaf of 8 by 10 inch glossy prints showing the UFO. One of the prints showed his friend holding by the wrists one of several dead bodies they had recovered. I was present during the hypnosis session wherein a member of the family was able to clearly recover the images of the photographs seen. From this case we know a very early date for the beginning of government involvement and the branch of service that was involved at that time. Other details are still under investigation at APRO headquarters.

Intelligence agencies do not communicate their findings to other agencies, even other intelligence agencies, unless there is a "need to know"; therefore staff at the Air Material Command (AMC) Wright-Patterson Army Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio (AMC was a part of Army Air Force Intelligence) did not know in the summer of 1947 that there was already another player in the field. Stimulated by the Kenneth Arnold sighting (flying saucers over Mount Rainier) on June 24, 1947, the staff at AMC gained permission to investigate the so-called flying discs. In a letter to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington D.C., Lt. General N. F. Twining wrote in a secret report that the "considered opinion" was that the so-called flying discs were "something real and not visionary or fictitious . . . the reported operational characteristics such

A well-known photo, frequently refuted and "debunked", said to be of a creature from a UFO that crashed in Mexico. Is this the entity mentioned in Dr Harder's second article? **G.C.**

as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically or remotely . . ." As a result of Twining's letter, dated 23 September 1947, the AMC was given priority 2-A and a project name "SIGN" for the investigation. One important reason for staff concern was a fear that the aircraft reported were something that the Russians had developed, perhaps based on secret design information gained from the Germans at the end of World War II.

Estimate of the Situation

After several months of investigation, the AMC was in a position to come to an "estimate of the situation." In a Top Secret Report, the estimate was that the sightings were of extraterrestrial spacecraft. When this report got to General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff in Washington, he would have none of it. Even when a delegation of scientists came from the AMC to bolster their report, he could not be budged. Apparently he had learned something in the meanwhile that the folk at AMC did not know. From that time the Air Force operation was put into a holding position of making some investigations, but with the main job of denying that there was anything to UFO sightings except mistakes and frauds. In February of 1949 the name of the project was officially changed to "GRUDGE" with what some personnel saw as an indication of an official attitude. In the meanwhile AMC had become the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) with headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. In all probability the personnel at ATIC thought of themselves as being the only ones in the Air Force concerned with UFO matters and were never told differently.

What General Vandenberg must have known is that there was another branch of Air Force Intelligence involved with UFO research; we don't know its name, but subsequent events would show that somehow the personnel or the activities that were originally with Navy Intelligence had moved over to Air Force Intelligence. This secret and serious group of UFO researchers does not seem to have been known to the personnel at Project GRUDGE or its successor, project BLUE BOOK.

However, the Air Force Intelligence staff at ATIC were not the only ones to find that the field had been pre-empted. The summer of 1952 saw an extraordinary outpouring of reports from all over the United States; UFOs were seen over the White House during the Democratic Convention, and it was all the Air Force could do to prevent the cover from blowing off. All of this activity sparked an interest at the Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI) in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) — there is massive evidence compiled by Brad Sparks of the extensive interest of the "substantive issues" of UFO research at OSI during the fall of 1952. A conference was planned, later to be known as that of the Robertson Panel. But by the time the OSI could get started on the subject, there was a change of personnel as the new President, Dwight Eisenhower, promoted Allan Dulles from deputy director to the directorship of the Central Intelligence Agency. The secret group within Air Force Intelligence had carried the day against the interlopers from OSI.

From being a discussion of the substantive issues of UFOs, the Robertson Panel was diverted to a discussion of the dangers posed by the phenomena; this was seen to be of two sorts: one, that there was a danger that UFO sightings would be mistaken for those of enemy aircraft and that reports of them might clog military channels of communication in an emergency; and the second: Subjectivity of (the) public to mass hysteria and greater vulnerability to possible enemy psychological warfare".

One of the recommendations of the panel was that there be a double barrel program of training and debunking. The training (for Military personnel) would result in the proper recognition of unusually illuminated objects that were assumed to be at least partly the stimulus for UFO reports. The debunking aim was to

> "result in (the) reduction of (the) public interest in 'flying saucers' which today invokes a strong psychological reaction. This education could be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures and popular articles. Basis of such education would be actual case histories which had been puzzling at first but later explained. As in the case of conjuring tricks there is much less stimulation if the 'secret' is known. Such a program should tend to reduce the current gullibility of the public and consequently their susceptibility to clever hostile propaganda . . ."

APRO mentioned

In further action, the panel took note of civilian UFO study groups (including APRO) and warned that such organizations should be watched because of their potentially great influence on mass thinking if widespread sightings should occur (the wave of sightings of the previous summer was a lesson in this regard). Further remarks were made that the 'apparent irresponsibility and the possible use of such groups for subversive purposes should be kept in mind . . ." In their conclusions section there is the statement: ". . . the continued emphasis on the reporting of these phenomena does, in these perilous times, result in a threat

to the orderly functions of the protective organs of the body politic . . . and the cultivation of a morbid national psychology in which skillful hostile propaganda could induce hysterical behavior and harmful distrust of duly constituted authority."

The Robertson Panel report was classified SECRET, and might never have been discovered except that it was seen in the files at ATIC headquarters by Dr. James McDonald; apparently it had been improperly declassified, for when he turned it back in and asked for a copy, it was not provided, and he was told that it was no longer available as a declassified document. A somewhat amusing side effect was felt at APRO headquarters, where it was discovered that a "volunteer worker" had been secretly making reports to his superior officer of his observations at APRO. At one time there were as many as three former CIA operatives on the board of directors of the National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

COMING: The International Dimension — and some of the things the intelligence agencies fear about UFOs.

A NOTE ON "PULSED LIGHT-TRACKS"

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(Précis from French)

IN an interview[1] which he gave in 1978, the French investigator Claude Poher made the statement: *"It is not at all impossible that the 'UFO Phenomenon', as it is classified at present, may in fact comprise several different unknown phenomena"*, and in that same year I published an article[2] here in Romania on a certain physical phenomenon that had made its way into Ufology and also into official scientific research, namely the production of genuine photographs, taken in a number of different countries, generally out in the open, and showing pulsed trace-lines of light.

Theories

Some years ago an *APRO Bulletin* carried a photograph of this type, with the explanation that it was claimed to show "the aerial manoeuvres of UFOs". It had been taken by the American John T. Hopf during the night of December 13, 1966, at Newport, Rhode Island. A similar explanation was offered for a photo[3] taken during the night of November 10, 1979, in Victoria Park, London by S. Chorvat.

"Ball-lightning"

On the other hand, the photograph of a pulsed light-track taken by chance by the Englishman R. C. Jennings one summer night in 1961 in Yorkshire was published in the Belgian UFO journal *Inforespace* as an example of *"ball lightning."* However, two investigators, D. W. Davies (of the British National Physical Laboratory at Teddington) and R. B. Standler (of the New York State University at Albany) proved[4] that it was not a case of ball-lightning at all.

"Pulsed ball-lightning"

A number of scientific writers have published similar photos and called it *"pearled (pulsatory) ball-lightning."* — a phenomenon which in fact does not exist. None of them was able to explain an elementary physical process — namely how could ball-lightning remain momentarily without light around it (during the drop in its electrostatic potential) and then light up again so many times (???) without the addition of an external influx of energy?

Now the problem of ball-lightning is one that lies within my own field of professional competence, as I have spent many years studying the scientific documentation for this curious phenomenon, which until this day still remains without valid theoretical explanation.

As far as this business of the so-called "pearled ball-lightning" (in French *"la foudre en boule perlée"*) is concerned, I have established as a definite fact that there is neither any theory nor any real practical evidence to support the idea that it exists. I have assembled a voluminous photographic dossier of material from ten countries, covering two continents, which demonstrates very effectively that such a phenomenon does not exist in reality!

"Insects' wings"

There have of course been other absurd explanations which people have put forward. Desiring to refute the theory that photographs of such pulsed trace-lines showed "the movements of UFOs", the German aviation engineer H. Malthaner has supposed that the various "UFO trace-photos" of this kind that

people have taken are simply due to reflections from the wings of nocturnal insects (!?), thereby downgrading considerably the value of the book[5] which he had written in collaboration with a Ufologist.

Some of the photographs which I have been able to assemble, taken by various people here in Romania, make it possible however to rule out all these above-mentioned interpretations, and permit us to arrive at an understanding of at least a part of the physical process involved.

Some of my photos, for example, taken during cold winter nights in the months of December, January, and February, provide for the first time absolute proof that these photos cannot possibly be of *ball-lightning*, despite the way in which the pulsatory traces weave about through the atmosphere. This erroneous supposition about ball-lightning has now been definitely eliminated through photographs of the tracks in the close proximity of humid ground. In such cases all the radiant electrical charges should discharge instantly into the ground (the corona effect starts from an electrostatic or dynamic potential of 30,000 volts and upwards.) One of these photos was taken by Ion Ciobanu at 6.10 a.m. on December 10, 1976, in a street in Iaşi, Capital of the Romanian Province of Moldavia. (See Fig. 1)

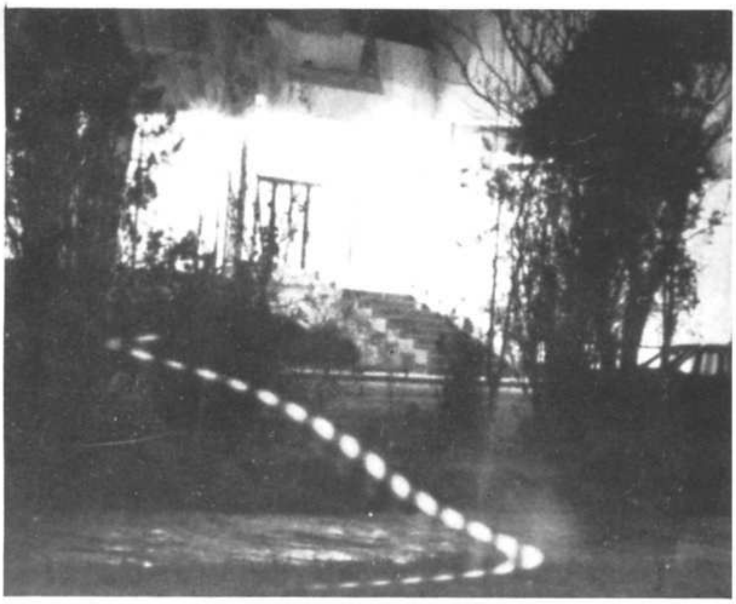

Fig. 1

Other photos, very similar to this, have likewise disposed of the idea of "UFOs performing manoeuvres" — particularly one very interesting snapshot made by pure chance inside his own apartment by the architect Andrei Frentz, also of Iaşi, on the evening of July 22, 1975. I would mention specifically that the room in question had walls constructed of reinforced concrete — an important fact in the scientific analysis of this phenomenon. (See Fig. 2).

An experiment

Having learned of the numerous photographs of this kind that had been produced in England, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Poland, USSR, USA, Canada, and also here in Romania, I set up an experiment in Iaşi to carry out a widespread photographic surveillance of the atmosphere. A number of individuals (unknown to each other) had to expose film at half-hour intervals throughout the night. Both black-and-white and colour films were used. The results show clearly that the phenomenon is frequently present, not permanently, but at random.

Conclusions

We have made a careful study of the abundant documentation that we now have on these pulsatory traces, and I have published my conclusions[6]:-

On only three occasions did the individuals who took the photos actually see, with their own eyes, the pulsed tracks. The rest saw nothing, and were quite surprised to see the light-tracks captured on their film.

The radiation responsible for this phenomenon seems to be of a very short wave-length, indeed resembling secondary radiation.

It does not appear that *cosmic radiation* has anything to do with the phenomenon, seeing that its occurrence is not permanent, and always random.

The most significant photos were taken during periods of very weak cosmic radiation, and of very weak solar and geomagnetic radiation. (I made an analysis in this connection of the Bulletins of the National and Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of Boulder Center, U.S.A.)

Likewise, the energy emitted by the multitudes of radios and TV sets seems to play no part either in the generation of the phenomenon, for some of our very best and most complicated photos were taken after midnight, when such energy is at its minimal.

These pulsed tracks captured on film seem to be due to the movement of tiny balls of radiant energy, but the nature of this energy, whatever it is, is not electrical.

The fact that these pictures of pulsed tracks often show several parallel lines, with several different "models", indicates that at one and the same moment we can have several similar balls executing "the same programme". All of which, as it seems, is the result of natural forces that are still unknown to us — or maybe under the control of — who knows what! (I received one photo that captured a "game" showing more than a hundred lines traced by these balls, with different models!)

"Messages"?

In this last-mentioned case, certain scientists advanced the theory that these trace-lines might conceivably be *messages* transmitted by some unknown

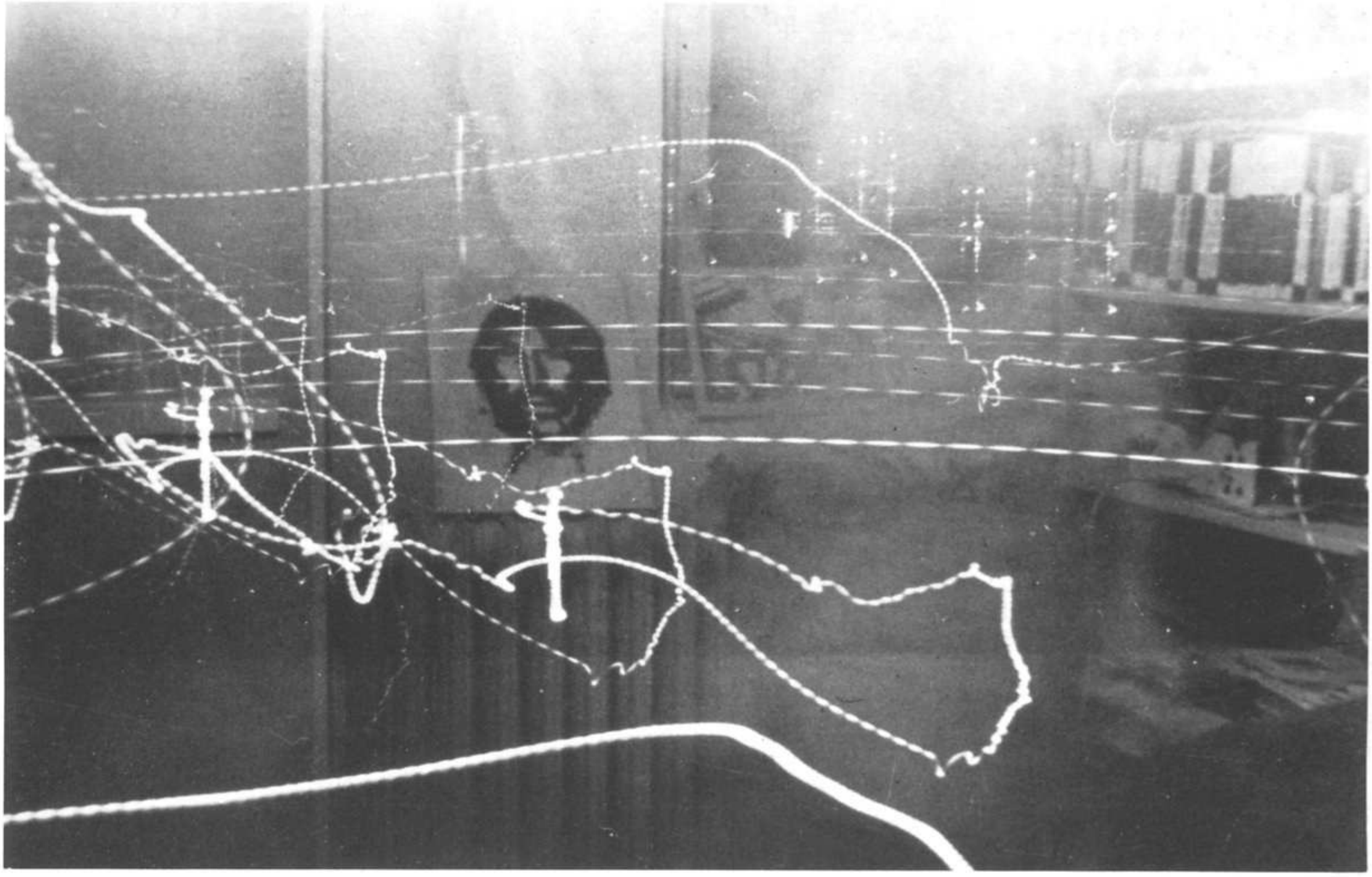

Fig. 2

technology — a theory that one should certainly not dismiss.

The fact that these "balls" "go out" and then "light up again" a vast number of times (some tracks are more than a kilometre long, horizontally) indicates that their energy potential re-establishes itself rapidly and continuously. Should this process be a natural one, then it means that it is a phenomenon of rapid energy absorption and energy transformation that is totally unknown to our Science (being something similar, maybe, to *breathing* in living creatures?)

Should there be any truth in the idea that the transmission of some sort of *messages* is involved, then it seems that the distant source is also using other very interesting techniques that are still unknown to Terrestrials.

Further and more analytical studies of the films that have been made of this interesting phenomenon will assuredly yield very useful supplementary clarifications to add to our knowledge.

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Note

We have seen a great many of these curious photographs, taken a few years ago in or around London, and frequently attributed to "UFO activity". — G.C.

REMEMBER TO INCREASE OUR READERSHIP BY TELLING YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT FLYING SAUCER REVIEW

EXTRACTS FROM PAUL DONG'S FEIDIE BAI WEN BAI DA (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON UFOs)

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For the ordinary member of the vast Chinese public, who knows nothing whatsoever about UFOs or about world-wide interest in them over the past thirty years, this is an excellent little introduction. It describes very briefly some of the work done in the U.S.A. by NICAP, CUFOS, MUFON, APRO, and other organizations, Dr. Hynek, Donald Keyhoe, the Lorenzens, Walter Andrus, and Dr. Jacques Vallée and others. It also covers the UFO scene in France, and the work of Aimé Michel, Jean-Claude Bourret, LDLN and other French UFO publications, the famous radio statement of the French Minister of Defence in 1974, etc. It also gives details of a few famous French cases, such as Valensole.

(It mentions FSR but once, and contains nothing whatsoever about Britain or any British contribution ever made to Ufology.)

Of the 114 pages, 24 are devoted to 36 photographs, of which some 26 are of UFOs; all however but one are from Japan, USA, Europe and South America and I think that all of these are well known. There are a total of 23 pages on Ufology in America, including the U.S Air Force and its *Blue Book* and other Projects, the Condon Commission, etc. Some 19 pages deal with France, and 11 pages are devoted to a translation of a talk given on Ufology in Spain on Radio Sevilla by Ignacio Darnaude Rojas-Marcos on December 28, 1977.

Finally, there are a total of 15½ pages of text on Ufology in China. Since most of the questions asked and answered are of the most elementary kind, we need not concern ourselves with them here. I therefore give below a full translation of only those passages which are of value to us because they indicate what has been happening in China. As the reader will see, Ufology in China is about the same as Ufology elsewhere. (Where there do seem to be differences, as for example in the apparent absence of close-encounter cases or vehicle-stoppage cases, we may safely assume that military control and tight censorship are the governing factors, as they are, to some extent or other, in every other country too.) — EDITOR

1. Chinese UFO Photos

At least seven or eight exist. A few are not very clear, and three are good. One of them, taken in Taibei, Capital of Taiwan, on the evening of August 1, 1973, by Mr. Chi Zhong-Jie shows two UFOs. Another was taken in the small hours of August 24, 1973, in a valley in Chang-Ping County (Municipality of Peking) not far from the Great Wall, and shows a bright object; and the third, shaped like the spokes of a wheel, was taken either in the North of China or in Shanxi Province. (Twenty-six of the photos in the book show UFOs, *but only one of them is from China, namely the Taibei photo of August 1, 1973.)*

2. The UFO Situation in Taiwan: A Few Striking Examples

The Case of the Taibei photograph already mentioned above. At 11.47 p.m. on the night of August 1, 1973, the middle school student Chi Zhong-Jie saw two huge round objects stationary in the sky towards the west, making no sound, and silvery-white in colour. He at once went inside his house and got his camera and took a picture — a remarkable clear one, which I hold to be China's "No. 1 UFO photo" as regards quality.

At ten minutes after midnight on October 29, 1979, about ten residents of Taibei saw a gigantic round saucer flying from the south towards the west. It halted for a moment, very low. It was surrounded by a ring of small apertures emitting bright red light. The case created a sensation in Taiwan, and the well-known local newspaper, the *Lianhe Bao* reported it under the headline "FLYING SAUCER VISITS TAIWAN".

3. Have Chinese Air Pilots Ever Encountered UFOs?

Yes, there have been cases, but I have very little information on them. A good example is that of a Mr. Sha Yongkao's sighting. At 9.40 p.m. on July 26, 1978, at a certain airfield in Shanxi Province, Air Force Instructor Sha Yongkao was piloting a plane, and flying at 3,000 metres, when he saw two glowing objects circle round twice above him before making off. The pupil in the plane with him also saw them. He at once radioed the nearest control tower and was informed by them that no other aircraft were in his vicinity.

At about 9.10 p.m. one evening at the end of February 1979 this same Air Force Instructor was flying a night fighter over Hou-Ma in Shanxi Province when again he saw an extremely bright luminous object shoot across the sky from south to north, at a speed far greater than that of his own machine. As he commented, every airman knows that to "fly supersonic" like that at 1,000 metres altitude, would cause buildings below to be very badly shaken and damaged.

Another pilot who has had a UFO sighting is Zhou Qing-Tong of the Lin-Tao Air Force Base at Lanzhou in Gansu Province and he says that at 8.04 p.m. on the

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1977年 4 月25日，智利邊防軍阿曼多·瓦爾德斯(Armando Valdès ）在同飛碟相遇時失踪十五分鐘，然後再次出現，鬍子長出 3 厘米，手表上的日曆已經過了五天。在中國，也有同樣的事發生，據中國UFO協會北京分會的張克濤先生講，也有此類案例發生，不訪贅述如下：

1975年深秋一天夜晚，駐紮在雲南建水縣的中國人民解放軍某部守衛營房的兩名戰士發現了一個碟形的巨大飛行物泛着柔和的桔紅色光芒，在他們頭頂上盤旋。一名戰士立即跑回營房報警，另一個人留下監視。幾分鐘後，當營長帶領十餘人全副武裝趕到營房門外時，發現留下的士兵已不知去向。營長當即指揮全營指揮員和戰士四處尋找，但沒有找到。幾小時後，加崗後的守衛營房的四名戰士忽然聽到身後傳來呻吟聲，他們回頭一看，正是那個失踪的戰士。他又奇迹般地出現了。這時，大家發現他的眉毛、鬍鬚和頭髮長長的，醒來之後記憶力全無。他的手表早已停了，由於他的手錶不帶日曆，所以無法確定他在別處度過了多少時間。他的武器和手錶都帶上了微弱的磁性。

這個報告的眞實性如何，難以斷言。中國UFO研究者時波先生曾爲此案拜訪過張克濤先生，請他提供那名失踪復現的戰士的姓名以及此報告的來源，不知何故，張克濤先生未能提供詳情，因此，無法進行調查。迄今爲止，此案僅出現在張克濤先生發表在一家雜誌上的「飛碟並非崇洋媚外」一文中。

91. 中國發生過的UFO干擾無線電波或電流的典型案例嗎？

這方面的案例很多，還是以軍隊提供的較爲可信的報告作

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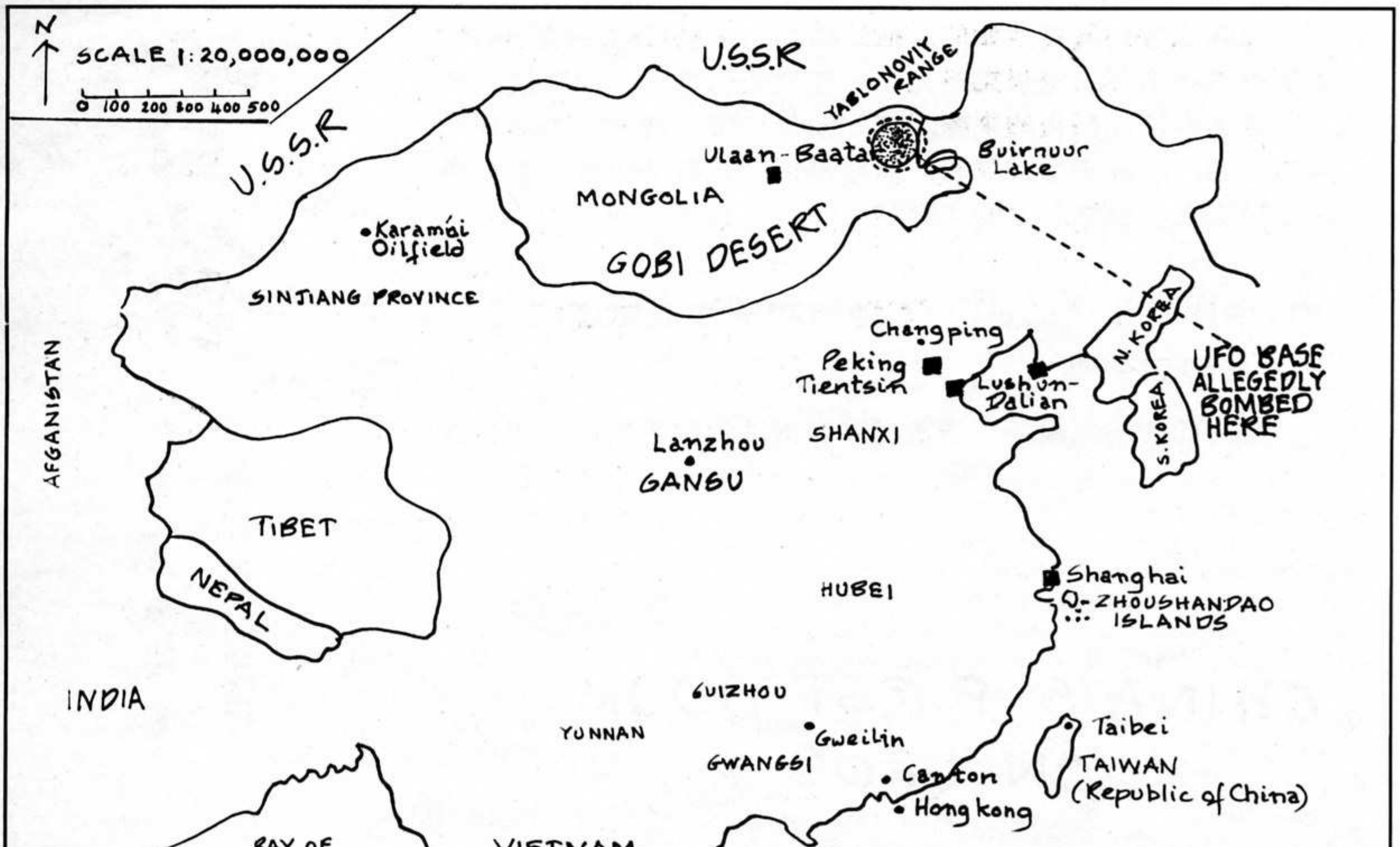
evening of October 23, 1978, several hundred men, comprising members of his own unit and ground personnel, were attending an open-air cinema showing when an enormous strange flying object appeared in the sky. It had what looked like two white searchlights in front, as well as a bright tail-light at the rear. It covered an angle of 35 degrees and was not very fast, vanishing after being in view for two or three minutes. In his report, Zhou Qing-Tong said: "This assuredly was no aircraft or meteor or flight of birds or insects or anything like that. We were all fighter pilots — if we aren't capable of identifying that sort of thing how can we be expected to engage enemy aircraft!" [N.B. In Paul Dong's *UFO Reports From China (1)* — published by us in FSR 28/2, he gave this same case and said the estimated altitude of the UFO was between 6,000 and 8,000 m., its shape rectangular, *and its estimated length 1,000 metres (i.e. one kilometre.)* The same case was also reported again by Mr. Anthony Lee in his *UFO Reports From China (2),* on page 24 of FSR 28/4 G.C.]

4. Have there been Cases of Kidnappings by UFOs in China?

There have been records of this sort of thing in past times in Old China. Thus, for example, in the *County Annals of Song-Zi Xian* (Vol. 19, Miscellaneous), in Hubei Province, for the year 1880, it is on record that "a certain Mr. Ju Tan, a farmer of Xi-Yan, arose early on the morning of May 8, 1880, and was walking along towards a copse on the hill behind his cottage, when he caught sight, in the undergrowth, of a strange glowing object, shining brightly in many colours. He stepped forward and attempted to seize hold of it, and suddenly felt himself swept up into the air, as though beyond the clouds, with a loud sound of wind in his ears, his mind stupefied and numbed, and quite unable to move his body. Then suddenly he was conscious of dropping from a great height, but on to a lofty mountain-peak.

"Feeling as though he was awakening from a dream, the farmer was terrified beyond measure. Some time later a woodcutter came along and questioned him as to who he was and where from, and Ju Tan replied *'I am from Song-Zi County in Hubei Province.'* The woodcutter exclaimed: *'How did you get here! This is in Guizhou Province, more than a thousand li (= 500 kms. G.C.) from your place.'*

"The woodcutter showed him the shortest path down the mountain. Ju Tan arrived in due course at his home, and found that 18 days had elapsed. After much enquiry, it was still impossible to know what had caused his experience. It was just an extraordinary mystery."



[N.B. This case greatly resembles the many that I have translated over recent years, particularly from Brazil. And there is even a notable similarity in the way in which the victim is set down, for many of the Brazilian victims are also reported to have recovered consciousness and found themselves perched on top of quite inaccessible high places and mountain peaks. — G.C.]

On April 25, 1977, the Chilean Border Patrol soldier Wa-Er-Der-Si (Armando VALDÉS) vanished without trace for 15 minutes on encountering a flying saucer, and subsequently reappeared with 3cms growth of beard and the calendar-watch on his wrist showing that five days had elapsed. There is a similar case in China. According to Mr. Zhang Ke-Tao of the Peking branch of the Chinese UFO Research Society, the following is an example. I report it as it comes (unverified):-

> "One evening in the autumn of 1975, two soldiers of a certain unit of the Chinese People's Liberation Army stationed in Jian-Shui County in the Province of Yun-Nan encountered a huge saucer-shaped flying object that was circling around above their heads and emitting beams of soft orange-coloured light. One of the men at once ran into the camp to give the alarm, while the other stayed there to watch it. A few minutes later, when the Camp Commandant with about a dozen armed men came running up to the Entrance to the Barracks, they found no trace of the soldier who had remained behind. The Commandant at once ordered that a general search be made by all personnel, officers and enlisted men, but there was no sign of him. A few hours later, four soldiers, taking over sentry duty, suddenly heard the sound of some one moaning behind them, and, looking around, found that it was the missing man, who in miraculous fashion had reappeared. They at once perceived that his eyebrows, beard, and hair, had grown extremely long. When he had fully recovered consciousness it was found that his memory was totally gone. His wristwatch showed that it had stopped long ago. It was not a watch of the type indicating the date, so it was not possible to establish how many 'days of a different time' he had spent 'elsewhere'. His weapons and watch all were found to be slightly magnetized."

Comment by Paul Dong
It is difficult to evaluate the reliability of the foregoing report. The Chinese UFO investigator Shi Bo has already been to see Mr. Zhang Ke-Tao about the case, and asked him for the full name of the soldier and for details as to the source of the story, but, for some reason unknown to us, Mr. Zhang Ke-Tao has been unable to supply these details and so at present we have no means of investigating the case. So far, the case has only appeared in a magazine article by Zhang Ke-Tao under the title *"FLYING SAUCERS DON'T FAVOUR FOREIGN COUNTRIES ONLY WITH THEIR VISITS."*

[My account of the case of the Chilean soldier, as given in the Spanish-language press of South America, appeared in FSR 23/5 under the title *"THE ARICA ENCOUNTER: CHILEAN SOLDIER'S 'TRIP INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION'"?* (In the Spanish UFO journal STENDEK No. 29, it subsequently appeared under the title *"THE PUTRE UFO"*, Putre being the nearest inhabited place in the Arica Region of Northern Chile where the episode occurred) — G.C.]

5. Has China had any Typical Cases of Interference by UFOs with Electrical Power, or Interference by UFOs with Radio?
There has been a great deal of this. We can quote reliable cases supplied by the Armed Forces:-

(a) *Interference with Electricity.*
At 11.17 p.m. on June 7, 1981, at Waigoutu, on the Dajudao Island, in the Zhoushandao Archipelago to the south of Shanghai, a soldier named Zhang Ming, of an Army Electrical Squad stationed on the Islands, was returning from a line-check, when he saw a luminous flying body travelling on a NW-SE trajectory. It was round, and its apparent size that of a washbasin (actual size being of course much bigger than that). It was emitting a powerful greenish-white glow, just like a flash of lightning, intensely dazzling to the eyes. Its contours were clear, like a ball, and, behind it, a tail about 50 metres long with green, white, red, and yellow colours, much resembling the jet of flame expelled from a rocket. It was revolving the whole time as it flew, but was totally silent, and at an altitude estimated between 1,000 m. and 2,000 m. It flew over the barracks and vanished in a bank of thin cloud. For a short period before and after the sighting, radio receivers in the vicinity were unable to pick up any programmes, and fluorescent lights were extinguished. Five minutes after the UFO had vanished all was normal again.

(b) *Interference with Radio.*
In the summer of 1968, when gunboats of the Lushun-Dalian Coastguard were patrolling offshore, far away, a tubular flying object emitting flashes of golden-yellow light was seen skimming at high speed across the surface of the water, and vanished on the port side. As the UFO was seen, all radar and radio equipment aboard all the vessels went dead simultaneously. Then, after quite a while, the radio equipment was all normal again. Prior to this happening, Coastal Defence troops on

shore had already observed the UFO as it landed at a point on the coast. They fired on it with automatic rifles and light machine-guns, whereupon it made off. All who saw the UFO were dumbfounded.

6. Are there Chinese Cases in which UFOs have been tracked by Radar?

Early in August 1980, for several days running, the skies over Tientsin and the Gulf of Zhili (now called Bo Hai) were infested with UFOs. One big thing kept appearing and then vanishing like a will-o'-the-wisp and terrified the populace over an area of several hundred square kilometres. Hundreds of thousands of witnesses saw it, and it was also registered by the radar. On the evening of October 16, 1980, the weather was bad, with poor visibility. Out at the Tientsin Airport, radar officers and radar technicians of the Tientsin Civil Aviation Bureau were watching their fluorescent panels, observing the movements of Flight No. 402. Suddenly the radarscope showed an "echo". When the aircraft was about 2.1kms. from the runway, the machine's bright dot of light on the screen veered westwards and was lost for seven or eight seconds. The radarmen on duty made a mistake and thought it was Flight 402 they were seeing, but when the controller contacted the aircraft's call-sign and asked Flight 402 for their position and bearing, it was realized that the spot on the screen wasn't the aircraft at all. Flight 402 had taken off from Peking and its flight-path lay over Tientsin and it should therefore have crossed the airfield from West to East, but the spot on the screen had travelled from East to West. Furthermore the radar azimuth was 20 degrees, but at the time when the UFO showed up on the radarscope, Flight 402 was about 80 degrees to the north of the runway and was not within the field of the scope at all.

Stranger still, at 2153 hrs., when Flight 402 had crossed the airfield to a point 13 kms from the northern end of the runway and was descending to land, the UFO again appeared on the radarscope in the same position as before, but moving from west to east. It was clearly visible on the radarscope at the same time as the aircraft. Then, a few seconds later, the UFO had vanished again.

At 2156 hrs. the UFO appeared for the third time on the radarscope. At this time, a second aircraft, Flight 404, was also over Tientsin, at 1,500 m., its position, azimuth, and altitude all radically at variance with the airport's radarscope. Furthermore, the flight path of 404 was from West to East, while the UFO was flying from East to West across the airport's radarscope. Furthermore, the flight path of 404 was from West to East across the airport at under 200 metres height. At 2159 hrs., as Flight 404 was preparing to touch down, two echoes appeared again on the screen. The UFO, from its original position north of the runway, was doing around 250kms. p.h., going from West to East. According to the statement of the Captain of Flight 404, the Direction-finder on the instrument panel in the cabin indicated a strange phenomenon had taken place; the indicator needle should have shown 90 to 100 degrees to the far beacon of the non-directional guidance system, and 110 degrees to the near beacon, and the needle had gone beyond the near beacon. The Captain was alarmed and thought the instrument was malfunctioning, and got his radio officer to use his earphones to pick up the NDB's get-ready and finish signals. The signals were all in order, and about two minutes later the ADF direction-finder was functioning normally again. When, just before touchdown, Flight 404 was a few hundred metres from the runway, the Assistant Controller in the Control Tower heard something on the radio and mistakenly thought it was the aircraft or the radar room tuning in, and said: "Who's tuning in to the Tower? We're working flat out . . . don't call us!" The aircraft crew and the radar personnel heard the radio interference and the noise, but in fact nobody was calling the Tower at the time.

7. Have there been Cases in China where UFOs have pursued Aircraft or Aircraft have collided with UFOs?

So far as the author knows, China has not yet had either of these happenings. In the middle of May 1982, a civilian machine took off from the Baiyun (White Cloud) Airfield at Kuangchow (Canton) bound for Kweilin in Kwangsi, and the plane ran into disaster en route, plane destroyed and occupants killed. It was said at the time by some people that the plane had collided with a UFO, but this is only conjecture, and there is no evidence for it.

8. While exploring in the Gobi Desert, the famous Chinese scientist PENG JIA-MU suddenly vanished without trace, and until today his body has never been found. Could he have been kidnapped by a UFO?

Dr. PENG JIA-MU was a very important Chinese scientist, who in the summer of 1980 led a scientific expedition deep into the Gobi Desert. He went off alone to seek drinking water, and never returned. The Chinese Government and Army sent out aircraft and troops to make a thorough search of an area of several hundred square kilometres and the search went on for half a year. But apart from finding the marks in the sand where he had sat down and rested, as well as a few pieces of candy-wrapping, they never found anything. In the end, the Government considered that Peng Jia-Mu had been swallowed up without trace by the sands. And maybe this is correct. But there have been people who raised the conjecture that a UFO had carried him off. Had he been swallowed up by the sands, he ought to have left some signs of his struggle. Furthermore, he had only been absent from the camp

half a day when the other members of the expedition began to search for him straight away as soon as they saw he had not returned. At the very most, in half a day Peng Jia-Mu could not possibly have gone more than 30 or 40 kilometres. Had there been any question of tremendous wind and shifting sand-dunes anywhere within that short radius, then the people in the camp would be bound to have perceived signs of it. Well now, the Gobi Desert is a place where UFOs have in fact been seen very frequently, and there is every possibility that the people who think Peng Jia-Mu was seized by a UFO may be right. This is, of course, naturally only conjecture.

9. Many people in the world are studying the possible sources of UFOs. Some think they are from this Earth. Is it true that there are many UFO bases, like the idea of the Bermuda Triangle Base, or a base at the South Pole, and so on. Are there any bases in China?

Personally, I do not believe in the idea of UFO bases on Earth. So I don't see any point in discussing it. To judge from some of the material that we have however, it does seem clear that there are certain places in China that UFOs do like to frequent. Seen from that point of view then of course places where UFOs like to touch down may in a sense be described as *"UFO bases."* From over 3,000 Chinese UFO reports that we have collected up to now, about 300 seem to be connected with the Gobi Desert of Northern China. There was a geologist who worked for eight years in Sinkiang and the Gobi Desert areas, and every year he would have several sightings of UFOs landing in or flying over the Gobi.

One summer evening, a young Peking man who had gone to settle in Sinkiang Province saw glowing unidentified bodies flying around or stopping in the skies over the Gobi.

Very early one day in 1978, workers at the Ka-la-Ma-Yi (Karamai) Oilfield in North-western Sinkiang saw a silvery-white luminous tube-shaped object out on the steppe. From time to time it would rise up into the air, and from time to time it would then descend, always totally silent and without any smoke. The Oilfield Administration thought it was an enemy country's machine engaged in spying on China, and so alerted the local military headquarters forthwith. An armed unit of the Chinese Liberation Army, with anti-aircraft guns, was despatched with all haste with firm orders to apprehend the UFO. When the troops arrived, the UFO was still sitting out there on the steppe. The soldiers and oilfield workers surrounded the area and closed in on it, but as soon as they were getting near it the UFO, without a sound, suddenly shot straight up into the air and in a flash was out of sight. Those who were there were able to see that the UFO had no wings, no propellor, and no blast-off effect was observed as it departed.

In his book, *PREMIÈRES ENQUÊTES SUR HUMANOÏDES EXTRATERRESTRES*, the French Ufologist Henri Durrant has this to say about UFOs and the Gobi Desert:-

"To the south of Ulaan-Baatar (The Capital of the Mongolian People's Republic) lies the vast Gobi Desert, and to the north lie other mountains, and a desert region containing another lofty and precipitous range. According to reports emanating from Japan, China, Mongolia, and the USSR, there is a firmly established UFO flight-route between the Gobi Desert and these mountains. This corroborates the theories of a number of Ufologists that there are UFO bases in the Yablonoviy Mountains and in the Gobi. In April 1970, under the cover of carrying out "Spring Manoeuvres", several Soviet motorized divisions set out for Siberia and a number of Soviet aircraft carried out large-scale searches of the Gobi areas along the Chinese-Mongolian border, and discovered that UFOs were active in that area. On April 27, 1970, a group of Soviet bombing planes flew southwards across the Buir Nor Lake over into Mongolian territory and bombed a UFO landing site lying to the north east of Ulaan-Baatar. The local Mongol herdsmen watched the Soviet planes dropping their bombs, and in Ulaan-Baatar, the Capital, people saw the smoke and flames billowing up into the sky. A party of East German students happened to be travelling through the region at the time and their spokesman, Man-Fo-Lei-Der Ge-er (Manfred Goel) said:

"The Russians destroyed a UFO base. This secret base consisted of tunnels and several dozen pyramid-shaped buildings."

A French journalist interviewed quite a lot of travellers coming out of China, and they confirmed this, saying that in the vicinity of the UFOs seen in the Gobi there have been extraterrestrials wearing space-suits. From all of which it can be seen that the Gobi Desert is an ideal base for UFOs."

This piece of vivid reporting by Henri Durrant is well founded. So then it is no wonder if some Chinese Ufologists also hold this opinion that the Gobi Desert may possibly be one of the places on the Earth where bases have been established by the UFOs. PAUL DONG.

Note by Editor, FSR.

When I translated this item by Henri Durrant, I did not think I had in my possession his original French text, but now find that I have, and I have checked it. The French journalist who interviewed travellers from China in Hong Kong was Pierre Gardin. As it stands the story looks excessively dubious. From what we know of the capacity of UFOs to defend themselves, the idea of Soviet planes being able to approach and bomb a hypothetical UFO base sounds ridiculous! However, over the years, we have had some interest-

ing similar reports and indications from Sakhalin, Siberia, and other parts of the Russian East, and it may be possible to summarize some of these in another article shortly. Anyway, be it noted that we do not have an *original Chinese* report about this incredible alleged incident. We merely have a French story, allegedly based on statements made by some East Germans, plus a later Chinese translation of it. We thus have absolutely no way in which we can know whether there is any truth in the story whatsoever.

For Soviet planes and Soviet troops to be in the Mongolian People's Republic (Outer Mongolia, BYGD NAYRAMDAKH MONGOL ARD ULS) is nothing abnormal, since that country is under a Soviet-controlled puppet government, just like neighbouring Afghanistan, and there is a huge Soviet force permanently stationed in Mongolia as a threat to Peking and North China, which are a few miles away over the desert that tanks and trucks can pass with ease. *To me the story sounds as though it simply was a case of Russian military manoeuvres on Mongol territory — or possibly a bit of punitive action against recalcitrant Mongolian nomad herdsmen who had, maybe, failed to deliver their quota of meat for the State Meat Board, or who had been showing some dangerous signs of independent thinking?*

Incidentally, we have seen plenty of UFO reports in Russian and Chinese newspapers, but I have never yet seen a UFO report in Mongolian, although I have scanned many Mongolian newspapers, and I do not yet know what the Mongols call a UFO, or a humanoid, etc.

LINGUISTIC NOTE for fans of Noam Chomsky:

The Chinese term for *"humanoid"*, which I have just discovered, for the first time, in this book by Paul Dong (and which of course is not yet in any dictionary) is

"Lei-Ren-Sheng-Wu-Ti" ("Type-Man-Life-Being-Body.")

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DO ABDUCTEES FIT INTO A CERTAIN PATTERN?: SOME REFLECTIONS AND FINDINGS ABOUT AN INTRIGUING PHENOMENON

Antonio Ribera

Yes, definitely they do. For many years now I have been studying and comparing abduction and contact cases, and I have reached certain conclusions. In the first place, the spectrum of the abducted is very narrow. Ninety per cent of them are young people, healthy, simple-minded persons, chiefly male, most of whom did not believe in UFOs prior to their mind-shattering experience. However, we do not, in general, find bishops, military (I mean of higher echelons), politicians, or scientists among them. The few whom we may find of such are the exceptions that confirm the rule.

In the second place, the abduction triggers off in many of them some paranormal powers which they apparently already had in a "larval" state. We find here again the problems of the hen and the egg. *Were the contactees chosen because they had these powers, or have these powers appeared because they had already been chosen as contactees?*

Thirdly, in many cases we find that the abductee knows vaguely that "he has to do something", but he does not remember what it is and when, and even the deepest regression under hypnosis cannot remove this block. This "order" is hidden in the deepest level of the subconscious, bolted and locked away there. Dr. Leo Sprinkle, who has regressed hundreds of the abductees, and probably is one of those who, of all living men, know most about this disturbing phenomenon, has said that the UFOnauts are "making cosmic citizens out of the men and women whom they abduct."

(An optimistic view of the problem, which I share but with a certain degree of reservation.)

The Case of Próspera Muñoz

I am working at present on the fascinating case of Próspera Muñoz,[1] a woman who lives in Gerona (N. E. Spain) and who, after thirty years with her memory expunged, is now recalling, little by little, a contact with "extraterrestrials", followed by an abduction, which she experienced when she was seven or eight years old and lived in Jumilla, Murcia (S. E. Spain).

It was precisely a certain passage in one of my books, which she was reading in 1981, that triggered off her hidden memories.

FSR has already carried a brief note on this case (in Vol. 29, No. 4), and I am preparing a further article on it for publication in due course. Well now, Próspera Muñoz too *knows* that she has got to remember "something" — an order which was given to her then, when she was a small child. But we found in her just the same "block" when Dr. Francisco de Asís Rovatti and I tried hypnosis on her.

A Case in Point

FSR published recently a case which illustrates perfectly what I have said above about the average age of the abductees (FSR Vol. 29, No. 2, page 3). A gentleman aged 77, who was angling near Aldershot, on the bank of a canal, was invited to go on board a craft by two entities. Once the aged gentleman was in the craft however, he was dismissed by them, *"because you are too old and too infirm for our purpose."*[2]

ALL the cases which I have discussed in one of my last books *(Secuestrados Por Extraterrestres) (Kidnapped by Extraterrestrials)* relate to young persons: Barney and Betty Hill[3] (the Hills *were* young, back in 1961, when they were abducted in New Hampshire); the Chilean non-commissioned officer Armando Valdés[4]; the Brazilian farmer Antônio Villas Boas[5]; the Pascagoula[6] case (one of the two American abductees was extremely young; the other of medium age); Dionisio Llanca[7] in Argentina; the Aveley[8] abduction in England; Fortunato Zanfretta in Italy[9]; José Antônio da Silva at Bebedouro in Brazil[10]; Herb Schirmer, the American policeman[11]; and Julio F.[12], the Spanish sportsman who was abducted *with his dog* in the Soria Province recently, and regarding whom my tremendously lengthy account will shortly begin to appear in FSR. And I could say that these cases were selected at random, among hundreds of others, which I could not include in my book for obvious lack of space!

What is happening to us?

What are we to make of all this? Someone — "a team of extraterrestrial psychologists", says Dr. James Harder, Professor of Engineering in the University of California at Berkeley — is evidently at work among us, killing and dissecting livestock and kidnapping young and healthy humans. To what purpose? To make "cosmic citizens" out of them? To create "a fifth column at their service on this planet"? To *inculcate* something into them? The multi-abductee young American Bill Hermann speaks of an *"inculcation chamber"* where they put him, lying on a table.

The "Messages"

And what can we make of the "messages" which in many instances accompany the abduction cases? These messages, according to Don Elkins and Carla Rueckert *(Secrets of the UFO,* L/L Research, Louisville, Kentucky, 3rd. printing, October 1978) who have studied hundreds of messages received both by abductees and contactees over a period of some 25 years, also show a definite pattern running through them.

Julio F- once asked (telepathically, of course) one of the tall entities who abducted him, and with whom, he has remained in *permanent* telepathical contact ever since, why they do not contact scientists instead of relatively ignorant people like himself. (This question was put to "Them" by one of our research group, *through Julio,* using him, while hypnotized, as a "radio".)

Their reply is baffling. They said: *"The most eminent of your scientists doesn't reach to the heel of the boot of one of our lowest technicians. We shall learn nothing from HIM!"*

Maybe we shall know the answer to the riddle some day. *But I wonder: how many abductees (who do not even know themselves that they have ever been abducted) walk among us? Maybe far more than we might think — even with our wildest guesses?**

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Editor's Comment

*I think that the American investigator Budd Hopkins has already shown us, with his fine book *Missing Time,* what the probable answer to this question is, and that it may not be a very agreeable one. I have much respect for the work of our eminent Spanish colleague Antonio Ribera, but I am sorry to have to record that I have even more reservations about it all than he appears to have.

May we not suspect that perhaps, before very long, *everybody,* or *almost everybody,* will have been picked up and processed and programmed? Then, if, ten years from now it is impossible to find any readers for FSR, we may take it for certain that the job will have been completed.'

Externally, things will no doubt still seem much as now, and this planet will still appear to be densely populated with various species and sub-species of the creature currently known as *Homo Sapiens.* The physical features of the body will remain the same. *But the inner content will have been radically changed and may no longer have any shred of human qualities left in it.* — G.C.

UFO LIFTS WOMAN'S CAR

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At 8.50 p.m. on the night of October 15, 1983, Catherine Burk, 67, was driving home from Altoona, Pennsylvania, after visiting her family, when she encountered an unusual object in the sky. As she approached her turn-off to Bellwood, travelling north on Route 220, she describes seeing out of the passenger side window a bright, silvery disc, that was flat on top, about 24 feet in diameter, coming towards her from the south-east. The object was approximately 30 feet off the ground and emitted a "fast hum", that was "sharp" like the sound of a "helicopter landing". As the object passed over the top of her car, it lifted her 1976 *Chevrolet Malibu* up on two wheels. The left side of her car was lifted approximately two to three feet off the road and was held there while she was still going down the road for nearly three seconds. As Mrs. Burk attempted to lean towards the passenger side of her automobile to bring it level again, the object moved away, dropping her vehicle back on the road with a terrific bounce. *"I couldn't get control of the car. I was sliding over the seat,"* Mrs. Burk said, who ended up almost under the dashboard when the car came down. When Mrs Burk regained control of her vehicle, she pulled off the highway. The object moved north-west towards Bellwood as it disappeared behind the ridge. It took her 20 to 25 minutes to re-start her vehicle, and every time she had to stop on the way home, it cut out.

Catherine Burk describes UFO encounter (Photo courtesy of Larry G. McKee)

Reported to Police

Mrs. Burk's daughter telephoned to her later that evening to see if she had got home safely. When she discovered how upset her mother was, she called Bellwood Police. Bellwood Police Chief Gregory Ciaccio took down Mrs. Burk's account of the affair, and reported that she was "visibly shaking and . . . was not drinking". Ciaccio reported that he saw no visible damage to the car.

I was the principal investigator of this case, for the Mutual UFO Network. I interviewed Mrs. Burk first on the telephone on October 26, 1983 and then had a personal visit with her on November 5, 1983. The witness appeared to me to be sincere and honest, and not the type of person to concoct this type of story. She doesn't watch movies or read books about UFOs, and was inclined to think that what she had observed was

"something the Government had constructed". Although there may have been other witnesses to the object in the Bellwood area, I have not yet located any. However, Stan Gordon, MUFON's State Director for Pennsylvania, says similar type UFO reports have been made in this State over the past few months.

Injuries to witness

As a result of being jarred around in her car, Mrs. Burk is still being treated at Mercy Hospital in Altoona for a number of ailments. She was still wearing a neck brace on November 5, her shoulder was sore, she may have suffered spinal problems, she may have chest injuries (X-Rays were taken) and her hearing is impaired in her right ear.

Mrs. Burk was employed as a telephone operator in a nursing home for 10 years, and currently works part time as a security guard for homes in the Sylvan Hills development in Altoona.

Mrs. Burk was frightened by her experience and now all she wants to do is to put the incident behind her.

This case has recently been examined in the MUFON JOURNAL, but I feel that it deserves a larger audience and will be of interest to readers of FSR.

We might conclude that this was an abduction or teleportation attempt which for some reason or other misfired. Is it, however, *certain* that no time-loss occurred? EDITOR

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BOOK REVIEW

A Catalogue of Humanoid Sightings in Spain and Portugal (In Portuguese only)

We have recently received from C.N.I.F.O. (The Portuguese National Commission for the Investigation of the UFO Phenomenon, of Rua Sá da Bandeira 331 — 3° S/31, OPORTO) a copy of their excellent Catalogue listing 121 cases, all with accompanying sketches and résumés of pertinent details, published in 1983. (Mimeographed, 70 pages, foolscap).

The compiler of the Catalogue is C.N.I.F.O. member Cassiano José Monteiro, a student of Chemical Engineering, and collaborators with him in the work have been Sr. Joaquim Fernandes of C.N.I.F.O. (author of the excellent recent book on the phenomena at Fátima in 1917) and the Spanish investigators and researchers Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, Luis R. González, Joan A. Fernandez Peris, Iván Vázquez Sánchez, and Orlando Araujo Martín.

In addition to the mainland Iberian countries of Spain and Portugal, the Catalogue also covers of course the outlying Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, and the Azores. The first case listed occurred at León in Spain in 1914, when two winged entities were reportedly seen.

It would be nice to see an English translation of this useful compilation. But, alas, while many of the Buddhas, Maitreyas, and Avalokiteśvaras that adorn the walls and shelves of my home are equipped with numerous arms, such physical provision is not available to the Editor of FSR, and we regret that we see no hope at present of a translation and no prospect of a way in which this might be done.

Meanwhile, our congratulations go to the compilers and to the Directive Committee of C.N.I.F.O., Portugal, on an excellent job! — G.C.

WHO IS WATCHING US?

Miloš Krmelj (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

We are grateful to our Yugoslav correspondent Miloš Krmelj for this account of a recent sighting which comes, however, not from Yugoslavia, but from the neighbouring republic of Czechoslovakia.

On February 22, 1984, our Yugoslav weekly *ARENA* carried an interesting article about a recent widespread UFO sighting throughout the whole of Czechoslovakia.

At 7.45 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 1983, when the streets of Prague, Karlovy Vary, Pilzen and other Czechoslovak cities were filled with the usual end-of-week crowds, the sky being clear and studded with stars, suddenly an intensely brilliant many-coloured object appeared, moving silently right across the country from north-west to south-east, and the telephones on the desks of newspapers and radio stations and Police headquarters began to ring, and ring incessantly, as thousands of members of the public called in and clamoured to know what was going on.

Not until the second half of January, 1984, when sufficient time had elapsed for all the reports to be gathered in, was the Czech youth journal *Mlada Fronta* in a position to publish a composite account of what had been seen.

Most representative and precise were some of the accounts from people in the high mountainous regions of the country who, well away from the city lights, and commanding a good view of the skies, described the passage of a silent, "phantom craft" with lights fore and aft, flying at a height of only 300 metres or so, and estimated to be about 30-40 metres wide. It was observed in flight for at least one minute.

A group of soldiers at Karlovy Vary reported:—

> "A point of light suddenly appeared on the western horizon at about 7.30 p.m. At a certain stage in its passage it separated into two lights, one of which was followed by a luminous trail very similar to the trail of a rocket. The other luminous point slowly assumed a triangular shape, and the whole object maintained the same speed in its passage overhead. The intensity of the individual lights on the object was greater than the luminosity of the stars, and did not vary. Beneath the lights, vaguely seen, was the body of the object, resembling the tail of a comet. Duration of entire sighting: about 1½ minutes."

Another eyewitness, engineer L.K., said:- "Only the forepart was clearly visible, and as it passed over we could see at times that it blotted out the stars. On the invisible part of the thing there were three lesser sources of white light, set vertically. The object did not change height or direction, but its roundish lights seemed to change their shape to elliptical."

A Prague engineer, J.V., was in Krkonoši at the time. He said he thought at first that it was an aircraft with landing lights turned on. Then, he said, when the object passed over a certain stream, "new lights began to come on, and for a moment he discerned a vivid sparkling effect. There were in all nine points of light of varying intensity, either white or yellow or orange. No contours of the object were visible. There was the general impression of a "pear-shaped" something, through which stars were intermittently visible. This "pear" was followed by a sort of luminous trail, one part shorter and clearer, the other part less distinct."

Do you think it's worth all this trouble just to get a few of MY genes?

The phenomenon was observed throughout the entire territory of the Czechoslovak Republic, some eyewitnesses of it even being on the borders of Poland and of East Germany.

The general duration of the phenomenon was described as varying from about ten seconds to a maximum of 3 minutes.

Eyewitnesses who watched the entire passage of the phenomenon said they first saw a single light, then a dazzling brightness, and then several luminous points of various hues, sometimes glittering. The most frequently reported colours were, as the Prague engineer said, white, yellow and orange.

Scientists and experts in various fields were asked by the press for their opinions, but none could give a satisfactory explanation.

Some folk argued that it was an American 'plane-rocket' gliding down from the "SPACELAB" station, but it could not have been so, for the American craft in question was known to have passed over Czechoslovakia at 4.47 the same day, in other words three hours earlier.

Czechoslovak scientists ruled out the possibility that it was a meteor. The Astronomical Section of the Czech Academy of Sciences said no meteorites at all were recorded that night. The British scientists who monitor the artificial satellites put into orbit reported that on that night none of the 5,000-odd bodies or bits of debris in orbit were recorded as coming down or disintegrating.

One expert emphasised that, for eyewitnesses all over Czechoslovakia to have seen it, the object cannot have been low at all, but very high. If so, then this means that it must have been an immense object.

Mlada Fronta called upon readers to organize a special watch in future for such phenomena and to report on them.

Despite the attempts of scientists to find some sort of explanation, their answers cut little ice with those who experienced this visitation.

As one Czech newspaper observed: "If extraterrestrial beings really are operating here, above our heads, we probably shan't learn anything about it unless they themselves are so kind as to tell us!"

"GREAT WHITE HOLES" AGAIN IN THE HAMPSHIRE CORN

IN FSR Vol. 29, No. 1 *(Nature Notes: Hedgehogs from the Cosmos or Tidy Whirlwinds?)* we reported on the huge rings allegedly left behind by lovelorn hedgehogs in the wheatfield at Cheese Foot Head, near Winchester, during the night of June 19/20, 1983.

According to a new report by David Thurlow this year *(Daily Express,* London, July 16, 1984) another set of five of the same pesky near-perfect circles has now turned up in a crop of barley in Dogleg Field on a farm owned by Mr. Dennis Kendell and lying not more than a mile from Cheese Foot Head. And, moreover, they were found almost precisely one year after the ones at Cheese Foot Head. (*See Photo No. 1*)

Explanations

The statutory explanations are already being dished out — helicopters, freak exploding whirlwinds, "Druids carrying on weird ceremonies with stakes and chains", and so on.

What is very interesting however is that, although we had previously never heard anything about Mr. Kendell's farm (it did not figure in our two articles on the subject of all these rings, in FSR 27/5 and 29/1) it is now revealed by Mr. Kendell that this is not the first time on his property, for he says: *"This is the fourth year out of five that we have had them on the farm, but in different places."*

Found from the Air

And, what is even more interesting is the fact that this new nest of rings *can only be seen from the air, and, far from being "caused by helicopters", were in fact only discovered when four farm managers went up in a helicopter to inspect the crops.*

From the ground the circles are completely hidden from view, which, as the *Daily Express* observes, would mean that they can hardly have been intended to be seen by the public. (In other words, the hedgehogs or the Druids were thankfully at any rate no exhibitionists).

Size of Marks

The new set of marks consists of the usual large central circle, 42 ft. 6 inches in diameter. The four surrounding 'baby circles', 45 ft. distant from the large one, are all 13 ft. 6 inches in diameter. (We have no exact estimates for the 1983 rings at Cheese Foot Head, except that our correspondent Mr. Pat Delgado thought they were all smaller than the 1981 set, for which his figures , rough visual estimates only, were "at least 52 ft. for the large central ring and about 17 ft. for each of the two smaller rings.")

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Absence of "Linking Tracks"

Farmer Kendell is quoted further as saying:

"It's uncanny ... I didn't know they were here again, but this is the fourth year out of five we have had them on the farm, but in different places. It's anyone's guess what is causing them, but I think somehow it's *got* to be mechanical. But the disturbing factor is that there are no marks at all for two of the smaller circles.[1] Three are on the drilling tracks made by the tractor, along which someone *could* walk. But the other two are *not*. There is not a stalk disturbed around them, and the barley is laid out in a strange way outwards from the centre."[2]

Petronela Payne, a tractor-driver's wife, who has been making a study of the circles, said: "It gets more and more intriguing every year. We just don't know what is causing them, and we are as much in the dark as ever."

Commenting on the appearance of the rings, the *Daily Express* reporter David Thurlow says: *"It looks for all the world as if a four-legged spaceship has landed."* And his report ends with these words about the Cheese Foot Head and Warminster cases of last year:-

"The *Express* sent Jean Rook down to investigate. But her verdict was: Case unproven."

Which is of course fascinating. Because, if you take the trouble to look through the files to see what ace woman reporter Jean Rook *did* say in the *Daily Express* last year, you will find that in its issue for Friday, July 15, 1983, it carried a large photograph of Jean Rook standing at the centre of the big middle ring, and the caption below reads:

"Jean marks the eerie spot . . . 'What in Heaven made it, if it wasn't a four-legged spaceship?'"

Isn't it odd how these journalists use each other's words, and isn't it odd how "forgetful" Editors and Sub-Editors can be when it suits them!

Footnotes (Editor, FSR)

1. We take this to mean that, for two of the smaller rings at any rate, there is no sign whatsoever of any external linking-tracks such as one might expect would inevitably be left by whoever perpetrated the rings.

2. It will be recalled (See FSR 29/1, page 21) that, by comparing with the famous Queensland "UFO Nest" cases, we have established that cosmic hedgehogs in the Northern Hemisphere swirl out their whirlwind effect to creat a *clockwise* pattern in the herbage, while in the Southern Hemisphere it is the reverse, *anti-clockwise*. We have received no details yet on this point as regards the new case in Dogleg Field. We trust however that the hedgehogs on Mr. Kendell's property aren't *"Diggers"*. (*That* really *would* be infiltration.)

Postscript

On July 23, 1984, the *Daily Express* reported another circle in a field at Cleyhill Heights, Wiltshire, and more at Warminster, also in Wiltshire (see photos 2, 3 and 4) and on August 4, the *Daily Mail* carried a splendid story headed *Healey's Comet: Or Are There UFOs at the Bottom of Denis's Garden?* The Denis in question is of course Britain's left-wing politician Denis Healey, who is a keen and skilful photographer and the article was illustrated by a splendid picture by him, showing yet a further set of one large and four smaller rings, all found in the cornfield of farmer John Mossop just beyond Mr Healey's garden fence at Alfriston, Sussex. Said the former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer: "*I am the last person to believe in UFOs, but trying to find a rational solution to this problem is a bit difficult. I'm totally baffled.*" But, ever alert to the possibility of turning everything to political account, he went on: "*I am expecting now to come across little green men... although I suppose it might be even worse if they were members of the* (Conservative) *Cabinet who had landed, or if the aliens turned out to be press officers of the* (Conservative) *Chancellor.*"

A SPANISH CONSULTANT FOR FSR

With great pleasure we announce that Antonio Ribera, long known to our readers as a contributor and as the doyen of all Spanish Ufology, is joining us as a Consultant to FSR. One of the founders of the Spanish Centre for Interplanetary Studies (C.E.I.) in his native city of Barcelona in 1958, this doughty Catalan is a graduate of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of the University of Barcelona. Since 1961 he has written a dozen excellent books on our subject and he is also one of his country's experts on underwater exploration. He knows six languages and has translated about 300 books into Spanish — mostly from English! And he was the first investigator whose mother tongue is not English to address the House of Lords All-Party UFO Study Group (December 1979).

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Bull-whip "whish-whish" Sound from a UFO

Dear Sir, — I was most interested to read, in Richard Sigismond's article, *CE-IIIs: New Dimensions in Investigation* (FSR 29/2, p. 22), about the beam of blue light from a UFO that seemed to "lock on to the car", and was accompanied by a loud sound described as being like the "whish-whish" of a bull-whip, but very much louder.

In 1979 I interviewed two couples who were, on the same evening, travelling in their cars in this county of Norfolk (England). Both couples were 'attacked' at about the same time by a noise which, from their descriptions, was exactly like the noise reported from Colorado by Mr. Sigismond.

I enclose a cassette tape with my interviews with the two couples and also a map of Norfolk showing where the two cars were travelling when the people heard the noise. Norfolk is full of military airfields and landing-strips, and I have shown some of these on the map. I do not know of course whether there is any connection.

Yours sincerely,
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January 22, 1984
Regional Coordinator, BUFORA
(FSR reader since Issue No. 1!)

Does Aimé Michel Exist?

Dear Sir, — I have recently received letters and telephone calls to the effect that I am dead. My good friends (and other people too) have asked me with some bitterness whether and why I have been responsible for the circulation of such unscientific rumours.

Well now, after consulting a highly reliable source. I must state that all this business seems to me very much exaggerated. Even taking into account the fact that I have been recently mistaken* on several occasions for a cow, for the Moon, for swamp gas, for a bicycle, for the ghost of the good Dr. Edward Condon, and for quite a variety of other incredible contraptions, I am in a position to issue a formal denial of so unscientific an allegation. (Only so recently as this morning, I was able to observe myself, albeit in a mirror.)

Anyway, I am investigating this strange case of my demise, and, rest assured, my old friend, that if I find there is any truth in it, I shall not fail to see that you are the first to be informed.

Meanwhile, here are a number of personal facts about me that do seem to be reliable: Being 65 on May 17, 1984, on that precise date I shall retire from the Research Department of the Office de Radio Télévision Française after completing almost 40 years of duty in hearing, seeing, directing, inventing, and personally perpetrating, all those innumerable sorts of stupidities which every good TV service in the world is expected to think up in order to cretinize its customers.

I can boast that I have successfully carried out my noble mission except in respect of wine and la cuisine, both of which have put up a strong resistance and are still as good as ever, and which I now plan to enjoy, together with all my friends, until at least the close of the next Millenium.

Sincerely yours,
Aimé Michel,
La Haute Combe,
FO4570 St. Vincent-Les-Forts,
Alpes de Haute Provence,
France.
April 16, 1984

P.S. Even my genius-cat Grisonne is still well alive at 19, and is being wooed regularly by at least one thousand tom-cats, if I have heard their Petite Musique de Nuit correctly.

*We shall have pleasure in including Aimé Michel in our forthcoming **Bumper Book of UFO Explanations.**

The word of his demise is curious, and unquestionably the work of *efreets* or *jinns*, as it seems that John Keel in New York was being apprised of the transition of Aimé Michel in France at the precise moment that Aimé Michel on his French mountain-top was being apprised of the demise of John Keel in New York. Anyway, it is good to know that, as was once opined by one Samuel Langhorne Clemens, alias Mark Twain, late of Hannibal, Mo., anent a similar bush-telegraph story, all these jinn-propagated notices appear to suffer from some degree of exaggeration and should be greeted with the contempt that they deserve. — ED.

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